

***Do You Have a Brownfield
in Your Community?***

Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties, where resale or redevelopment has been hindered by known or suspected environmental contamination at the site. Have potential buyers or developers walked away from a property in your community because of environmental “unknowns” at the site? If so, you have a brownfield. But that doesn’t have to be the end of the line, as there are new directions and resources for you to turn your brownfield location into a new opportunity!



***Chart New Directions through the Iowa
Brownfield Redevelopment Program.***

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) have teamed up to provide you with resources, tools, and directions to help your community redevelop brownfields. With funding and support from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Iowa Brownfield Redevelopment Program can provide you with scientific and technical resources to assess environmental concerns at a brownfield, with the goal to move the site into redevelopment and reuse.

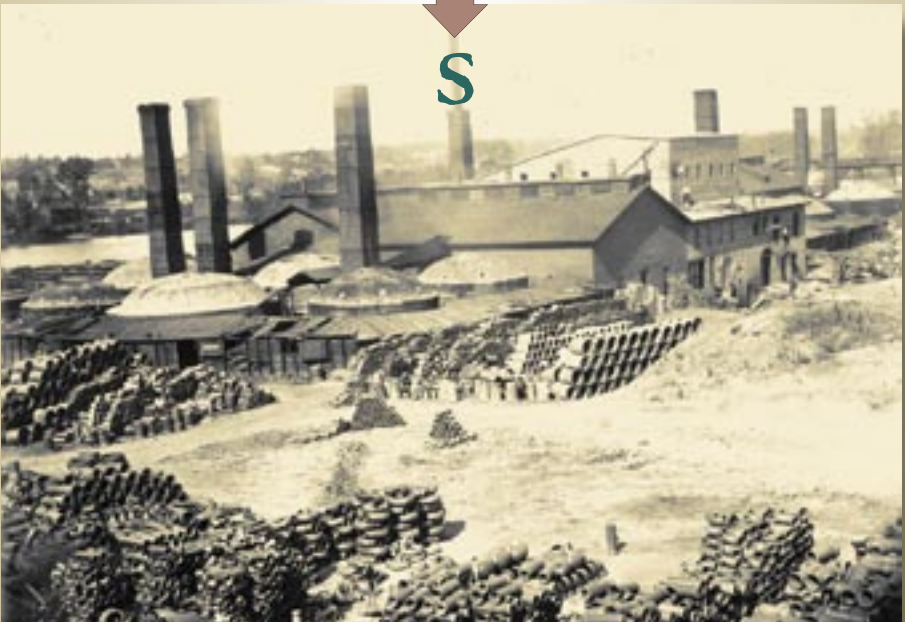
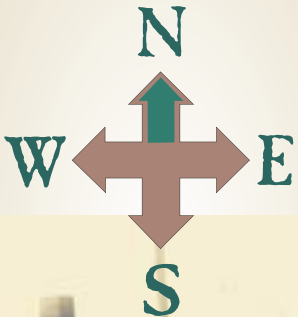


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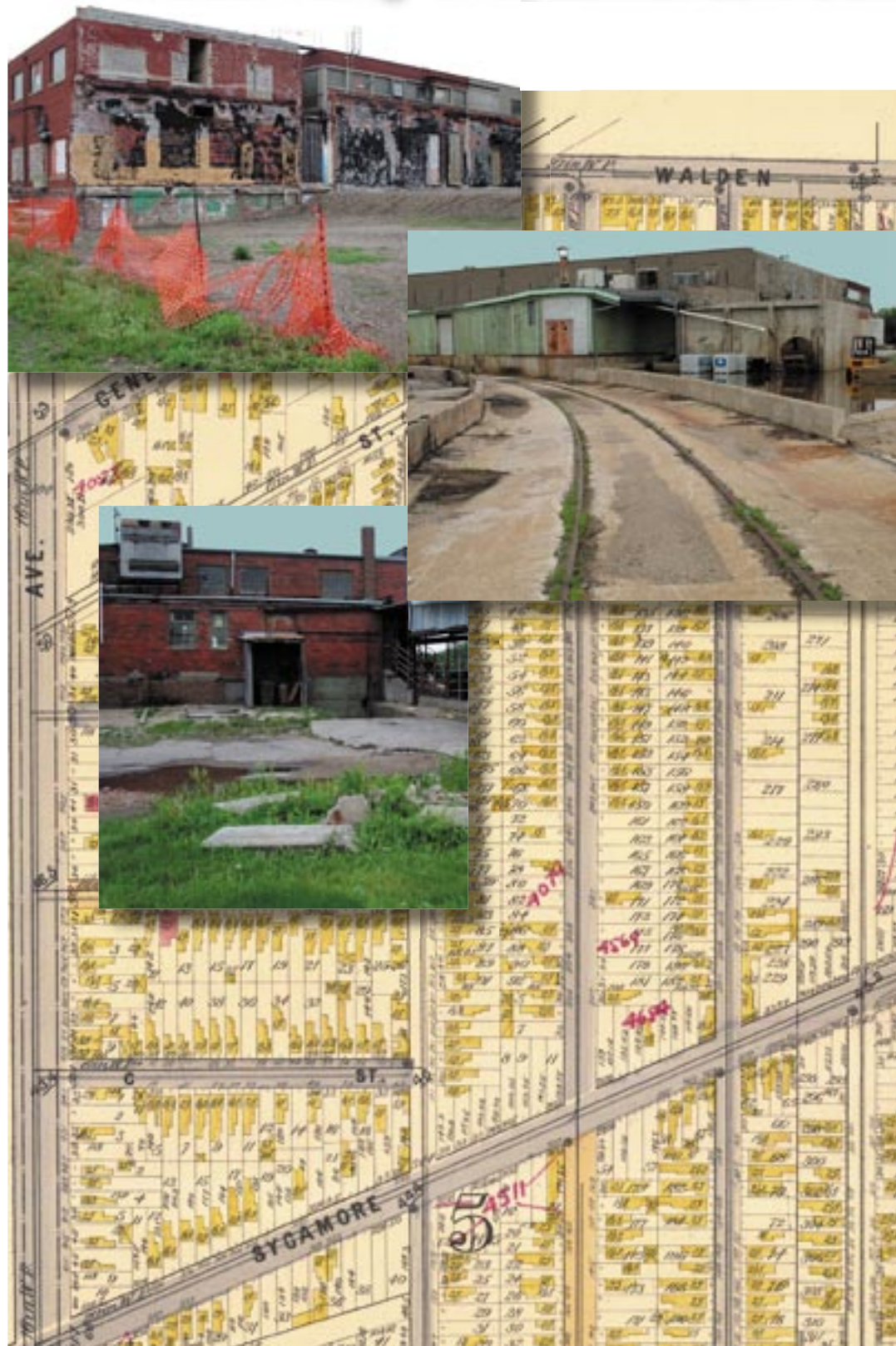
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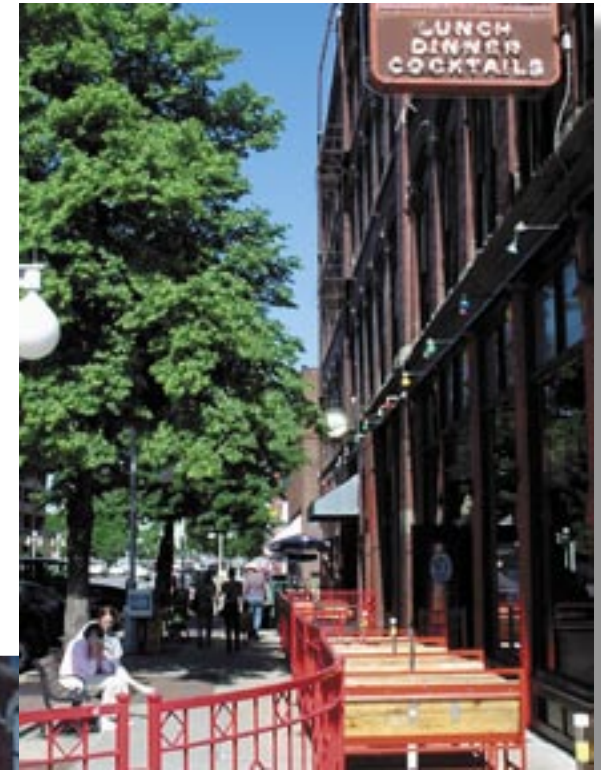
Transforming Brownfields *into* Fields of Opportunity



Tools and Resources for Brownfield Redevelopment

Your site may be eligible for assistance through the Iowa Brownfield Redevelopment Program. Services and assistance available include:

- **Targeted Site Assessments** – Don't really know what environmental issues you should be concerned about? IDNR staff can conduct on-site environmental testing and assessment work to help you determine what cleanup is needed, if any, and how the site can best be reused to protect the environment and public health.
- **Technical Reviews** – Do you have environmental testing results already, but don't know what they mean, or where to go next? Don't give up on your project before you really know what the concerns are. IDNR staff can help you interpret these results to see what actions, if any, are warranted.
- **Land Recycling Program** – This voluntary program gives owners or other stakeholders of a property the option to assess the environmental conditions at their site, and if appropriate remediation or cleanup is completed the IDNR will provide limited liability protection from further state and federal regulatory action relative to the problem addressed.
- **Research and Resources** – IDNR staff can help you get a better picture of your property and what you're really standing on; through our extensive research on area geology, groundwater characteristics, aerial photography, mapping, and public records documenting known environmental impacts in your area, we can help you evaluate and understand environmental conditions at your site.
- **Grants and Loans** – IDNR and IDED can provide competitive cost-share grants and loans to eligible brownfield sites to assist with remediation and cleanup costs. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and should demonstrate the leveraging of other public and private resources.



Helping you Stay on Course

Even after environmental assessment and cleanup is completed, you'll need to continue your planning and efforts to maximize the value of your former brownfield through job creation, redevelopment, and property value improvement. The IDED can help you identify strategies and resources to ensure that your property becomes an asset to your community.

